

ESTABLISHING A WOMAN'S BUREAU IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. BLANTON, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12248]

The Committee on the District of Columbia directed me to favorably report to the House the bill H. R. 12248 with the recommendation that the committee amendments be agreed to and that as amended the bill do pass. The committee voted unanimously to favorably report this bill with the amendments.

Since February, 1918, there has been a woman's bureau in existence as an adjunct to the Metropolitan police department. It exists merely by regulation of said department. Its existence in the future depends entirely upon the disposition and whim of such department. It is the primary intention and purpose of this bill to permanently establish such bureau by law.

There has been and is now complete cooperation and harmony between the woman's bureau and the department; but any change of personnel in either branch of this service could result in a different situation wherein jealousies could cause the destruction and abolition of the bureau through mere regulation.

This woman's bureau started in 1918 with a personnel of 20 women. It has done splendid work. It has reclaimed from possible ruin many young girls from various States who annually come to Washington under misguided influences, and has sent them home to their parents. It has protected many otherwise helpless young women in Washington and safeguarded their welfare and interests. It has thrown moral influences around many young girls and boys just starting on a downward career. It has closed up many immoral dance halls.

This woman's bureau is handicapped in not having an adequate force. It still has only the 20 women with which it started in 1918. It is sadly in need of additional personnel. This bill will authorize

